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STATE OF ARIZONA

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of

Docket No. 8499

KEVIN R. CHMIEL, ROBERT L. DITCHEY, II and FIRST RATE INSURANCE, INC.,

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR REHEARING

Respondents.

On January 27, 1995, the Arizona Department of Insurance ("the Department") received via facsimile a Request for Rehearing that was sent by Respondent Robert L. Ditchey, II ("Ditchey"). While it appears that the receipt of a request for rehearing via facsimile does not comply with the service requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-14-103, the Department stamped Ditchey's Request for Rehearing so as to indicate that it had been filled with the Department on January 27, 1995. At this time, the Department has not raised as an issue whether there was proper service of the Request for Rehearing upon the Director.

Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-14-114 requests for rehearing or review of an order of the Director must be made within 30 days after service of the Director's order on the hearing. A.A.C. R4-14-113(B) prohibits the Director or hearing officer from extending that time limit.

On December 27, 1994, the order on the hearing of this matter was served upon the parties by mail. In accordance with A.A.C. R4-14-114, a request for rehearing or review of the Director's order in this matter dated December 27, 1994 should have been served upon the Director on or before January 26, 1995. Respondent Ditchey's Request for Rehearing was not served

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upon the Director within the prescribed 30 day time period and is untimely.

However, even if Ditchey's Request for Rehearing had been properly served in a timely manner, a review of the issues raised by the parties and the record of this matter including all pleadings, motions, testimony and exhibits admitted during the hearing of this matter, shows that the December 27, 1994 Order is fully supported by law and fact and Ditchey's Request for Rehearing would be denied on that basis.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Request for Rehearing filed by Respondent Robert L. Ditchey, II is denied.

DATED this 15th day of February, 1995.

CHRIS HERSTAM
Director of Insurance

LEWIS D. KOWAL
Administrative Law Judge

COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered this 15th day of February, 1995, to:

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